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SUBJECT: MEDIA SUGGESTS ONTARIO STRATEG FOR QUEBEC

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1. TORONTO STAR PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT COLUMNIST JONATHAN MANTHORPE WROTE JANUARY 8 THAT IN REGARD TO QUEBEC ONTARIO PREMIER DAVIS "IS EVOLVING HIS OWN STRATEGY AS THE PREMIER OF ONTARIO, AS SOMEONE WHO IS STRONGLY PRO-CONFEDERATION AND PERHAPS AS THE MAJOR SPOKESMAN FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKING CANADA." MANTHORPE WROTE FIRST MOVE WAS VISIT OF ONTARIO TREASURER MCKEOUGH TO QUEBEC SHORTLY AFTER NOVEMBER 15 ELECTION; SECOND MOVE DAVIS' STRONG FORMAL STATEMENT DURING FIRST MINISTERS' MEETING OPPOSING P.Q. SEPARATIST ASPIRATIONS AND HIS STATEMENTS THAT OTTAWA MUST ABANDON HIGH-HANDED ATTITUDE AND ADOPT GREATER FLEXIBILITY TOWARD PROVINCES TO SAVE CONFEDERATION; THIRD MOVE ESTABLISHMENT OF ONTARIO ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CONFEDERATION (SEE REFTEL Z).

2. COLUMN SUGGESTED DAVIS WILL USE VISIT TO QUEBEC WINTER FESTIVAL FEBRUARY 5 AND 6 TO FEEL OUT MOOD OF QUEBEC WITHOUT HAVING TO TAKE ANY POLITICAL POSTURE. DECISION TO ACCEPT
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INVITATION ITSELF REPORTED AS RESULT QUITE A BIT OF DISCUSSION IN PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT. QUEBEC VISIT MANTHORPE WROTE MAY INFLUENCE DAVIS' DECISION ON WHETHER TO ACCEPT INVITATION ADDRESS FEBRUARY 21 MEETING OF CANADAIN CLUB OF MONTREAL WHERE "HE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE A MAJOR STATEMENT OF HIS FEELINGS AND INTENTIONS."
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